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M. S. McCarthy Has Large and Enthusiastic Meetings.

Mr. McCarthy, M. P., has held three very successful meetings this week. On Monday at Carstairs, Tuesday at Crossfield and Wednesday at Airdrie.

The meeting in Crossfield which was well attended and enthusiastic was held in the Band Hall. On the motion of Mr. Schofield, seconded by R. L. Boyle, T. H. E. Magee was called to the chair.

Mr. Magee said it angred well when such a meeting could be got right in the busy season. They had been troubled by the vile insinuations of the Albertan which was apparently willing to do anything to destroy Mr. McCarthy's good name. The Albertan had forgotten that in May 1907 they said: "Eastern newspapers are discussing a western Conservative leader. They refer to Mr. Roblin of Manitoba and Mr. Haultain leader of the opposition in Saskatchewan."

"And they never say anything about our own Matthias Stewart McCarthy, a better man than either of the two mentioned."

"Though Mr. Roblin has had a long experience in politics it has been of the kind that should make him undesirable rather than desirable. Rightly or wrongly there is a suspicion that Mr. McCarthy is a gentleman of good connections and no man can say a word against him."

"Mr. McCarthy has not had the experience of Mr. Haultain, but he is a much more energetic man than the leader of the opposition in Saskatchewan. He is a born politician with the winning way and the glad hand down to a science which must not be despised in this day of practical politics. He is more than that; he has a spotless reputation, a genius for work, ability too and an intimated before he is wise in his day and generation using the glad hand with effect both at election time and in the dog days. With him election time is all the time."

"To our way of thinking, Mr. McCarthy is a much more acceptable man than either Mr. Roblin or Mr. Haultain and more than that he is on the ground and in possession."

"It is argued that Mr. McCarthy has had but little experience, no one need worry about that. He will have many years of experience before he is needed as a cabinet minister of a Conservative government."

"When the time comes for a Conservative leader in a Conservative government we shall advocate Mr. McCarthy strenuously if we are alive at that time."

He then called upon Mr. McCarthy to give them a resume of his work during the four years that he had represented them in Ottawa.

Mr. McCarthy who was very well received said he was glad to see such a large attendance. It was the largest meeting he had addressed in the town and was an evidence of the progress of the town and of their interest in the problems of the day. He had been criticized for not coming to the district officer but he had only been at home four weeks in the past nine months and had done his best to get into all parts of his constituency. There must be two parties and he did not abuse the liberals. He tried to represent the constituency irrespective of party politics. He would ask them to remember certain acts of mal-administration by the Liberal party. The Liberal policy was supposed to be that of a lower tariff. If that was so and if Dr. Stewart and Dr. Clark were serious they had lost a golden opportunity when the Liberals sent the Tariff Commission to Calgary as they had never said a word in favor of a lower tariff before that commission. If the doctor advocated Free Trade on the floor of the Commons as actively as he did before the Commission which was composed of his own friends, Hon. W. Finlay, Minister of Finance, Hon. W. Patterson, Minister of Customs, Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Minister of Marine and Fisheries and Hon. W. Temperman, Minister of Inland Revenue, he was afraid they would not be far ahead.

Regarding railway competition the Liberals had said that he was bound

Remarkable Yield of Wheat.

66 1/2 BUSHELS OF WHEAT TO ACRE.

The Declaration which was made by P. A. McNally before a Justice of the Peace last week regarding the record yield of wheat which he got on his farm near here has called forth considerable comment and a great run has been made on last week's issue of this paper containing the copy of the declaration. The usual issue was insufficient to supply the demand for copies, we therefore reprint the declaration this week. It is as follows:—

"I, P. A. McNally, of the Village of Crossfield, in the Province of Alberta, Farmer,

Declare and say as follows:

"That during the year 1908, I, P. A. McNally aforesaid Threshed 306 1-10 bushels of Alberta Red Fall Wheat on Nine (9) acres of ground, which some wheat graded No. One (1); average per acre 66 1/2 bushels.

Declared Before Me at the Village of Crossfield, in the Province of Alberta, this 22nd day of September, A. D. 1908.

JNO. S. DAVIE

A Justice of Peace in and for the Province of Alberta.

P. A. McNally.

As we said last week comment on the above is unnecessary. The yield is remarkable one especially considering that Mr. McNally is not one of the most experienced farmers in Alberta, but he has worked his land and his industry has been rewarded. Mr. McNally had 27 acres in crop and after keeping back seed for next year, he sold the balance of his crop for a sum which averaged up \$30.30 for each acre under crop. Good land can be got from \$15 an acre and one crop like this would pay for the land twice over.

hand and foot to the C. P. R. but he was not bound to that or any other corporation.

When the Laurier Administration came into power 1896 there were 16,000 miles of lines in Canada, 15,000 miles of these railways had been built under the Conservative administration and only 3000 under the Liberals. The V. V. & E. railway was in B. C. and he would have said that for the moment and take Southern Alberta first. Since 1896 when Laurier, with a majority of say 50 or 60 came into power, they could get point to match in the way of railway construction that had been done. What railways have they had built except an extension of the Crows Nest Pass and about 45 miles of another line (The Alberta Irrigation Co. line.)

The Albertan's story of his opposition to the V. V. & E. (Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern) Railway he characterized as absolutely false. This line was in B. C. and not within 300 miles of his bearings. The line J. J. Hill wanted was one from Midway to Vancouver and the difficulty was that he wanted to cross the International Boundary half a dozen times and would have his terminus in the U.S., tapping this country and carrying the trade and one from the mines here over the line to the smelters in the State of Washington. In the Railway Committee of the House of Commons, which was composed of 150 members, he had not voted against the granting of a charter to the V. V. & E. nor had he ever voted

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A Pointer From New Homestead Regulations.

At his meeting the other night Mr. McCarthy drew attention to the fact that for two years past he had advocated making it possible to get particulars of the standing of any homestead and that such a provision had been inserted in the recent land act. This makes it possible to find out who holds a homestead and whether it is liable to cancellation. The following is the clause referred to:—

"The local agent or the officer acting for him shall furnish over his signature to any person who applies therefor and pays him a fee of twenty-five cents, an abstract from his records showing whether the quarter-section mentioned or referred to in an application is available for entry or not; if the land applied for is not available, the name of the settler and the date on which he obtained entry shall be shown on the abstract, as well as, where the records show any transactions calling therefor, the date on which cancelling notice to the entrant in default is returnable, or the date on which the period of protection will expire, as the case may be."

EAST BEAVERDAM

Have you subscribed yet?

J. B. McNicol recently said a fine bunch of steers to Dick Walsh.

Willard Graham is running the new Case engine for Gross Bros., East of Crossfield.

They say the sun always shines in Alberta, but it has been shining behind the clouds for the week past. Rather damp weather for stock thrashing.

Chas. Kell has just finished threshing 60 acres of winter wheat which averaged 35 bushel per acre. What is the matter with Beaverdam.

There will be a raffie of about 50 fine ducks held at the Sampson Post Office on Oct. 17th at 2 p. m. Everybody come and get a fine roast for Thanksgiving.

T. S. Gooch and Ernie Todd made a business trip to Calgary last week, their object being to prove up on their homesteads.

Chas. Bolton was in this district buying hogs last week. He expects to ship a carload from Crossfield on the 30th.

D. K. Fike is threshing for Arthur Morin at present.

Don't forget to come to Sampson 17. Bring your guns and ammunition along.

Mr. McNicol threshed some of as fine barley as is raised anywhere. It weighs 30 lbs per bushel.

The man we want to vote for this fall for Member of Parliament is the man that will work to the best interest of the people by doing all he can to get the indemnity for loss by hail raised.

Collins Bros. are building an addition to their house.

Note:—Our correspondent has forgotten that the Hail Insurance indemnity is a Provincial matter and the candidates for the Dominion House will not be able to do anything along this line.

Everybody is buying town lots nowadays. We have a few good residence lots left at \$50 \$75 and \$100 only 1/2 cash required. See us at once.

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Real Estate Agents.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Potatoes, per bushel	\$6.00
Wheat, No. 1, red, bus.	73 c.
Wheat, No. 2, per	70 c.
Wheat, No. 3, "	67 c.
Wheat, No. 4, "	65 c.
Wheat, No. 5, "	60 c.
Flax	90 c.
Oats	55 c.
Barley	50 c.
Eggs	25 c.
Butter	18 c.
Hogs, live weight	64.75
Cattle, live weight	10-3-4
Cows, live weight	2 to 3
Mutton	30 c.

A Matter Of Honor.

By Clarissa Mackie.

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"I am very sorry," began Helen in evident distress, "but—"

Richard Hilton held up a restraining hand.

"Don't go on. I know what you mean," he said heavily. "He was staring at the third finger of her left hand, where a curious ring scattered prismatic rays of light in the June sunshine."

She followed his glance toward the ring, and her cheek flushed hotly.

"Of course it is Littelton, after all," he said as if stating an undeniable fact. Then, with a slight bow, he turned and walked away down the sandy shore.

Miss Vincent looked after him with dazed brown eyes and a strangely numb feeling in her heart. When he had rounded the lighthouse point and disappeared within the shadow of the tall structure she shivered a little, as if with cold. She had been perched among the bowiders under the sheltering cedar-clotted banks when Hilton had found her an hour before, and still she sat there after his departure with wistful, dreamy eyes fixed on the flashing sails beyond the breakwater.

"Hello, little cousin! Been looking everywhere for you. I reckon I have guessed you'd be somewhere by the sea waves." Jeffrey Littelton swung himself to a seat beside her and gathered a handful of white pebbles from the crannies of the rocks.

He was a slightly built, rather good looking young man with eyes placed a trifle close together and a small rosebud mouth like a girl's. He caught Miss Vincent's sun browned hand with an air of possession that changed to consternation as she pulled it hastily away.

"I am only your fourth cousin, Jeffrey," she said petulantly.

"It is quite evident that you wish the relationship was still more distant," he said coolly. "He took careful aim at a stone down on the villa's edge and shot a white pebble downward. "How do you like Miss Wenden?" he asked with elaborate carelessness.

"She is charming!" cried Helen enthusiastically.

"I don't know," he said doubtfully. "You see, I'm waiting for the 430 train. I'm going back to the city to-night. Important business."

"Well, all right. You see, I'm going to take that same train myself—must catch the Lancelotti tomorrow morning—going back for three years, and—"

"I guess I'll have time to run up there with it," said Hilton eagerly. "Goodbye, old man! Hope you have a good time. Goodnight!"

He disappeared into the fluttering handkerchief in his hand. Jeffrey smiled at the going with a strange smile on his lips.

He opened his clenched right hand and disclosed the curious little ring which Helen had returned to him when he looked at it his full lips stiffened into straight hard lines. He lifted his hand, and there was a flash of gold and a sparkle of flame before the jewel disappeared in the oncoming green waves.

"Goodbye, everything!" he muttered grimly. Then he turned and walked briskly toward the railroad station.

"India's War on Rats."

Some facts bearing on the anti-rat campaign were mentioned recently by Commissioner Nicol, of the Salvation Army, in an interview in London.

"The army in India is launching a regular war on rats," he said.

"The inspector-general of hospitals for the Punjab has approved of the Salvation Army plan of extermination of rats by imported cats."

Two thousand cats have been sent to be destroyed at Gujarat alone. Two cat farms have been started in India, and it is our intention to keep up the battle by sending out consignments of English cats from time to time. It has been proved by the experiments that the rat flea, which is the medium of plague infection, does not object to the cat as a host, as it does to the rat. The cat has no scruples against an animal killing another. The Salvation Army authorities in India have gone thoroughly into the problem of rat extermination. Captain Liston has been discovered that guinea pigs can be used as traps to catch the fleas. The guinea pigs are let loose in places infected with plague. The rats have been destroyed. The parasites which have killed the guinea pigs, 29 per cent. of which subsequently died from plague.

The guinea pigs having been removed with the proper precautions, a thorough clearance of the plague-stricken houses is effected.

"Don't you keep that, Helen, just for remembrance!"

Jeffrey asked.

"She is lovely," said Miss Vincent, looking curiously at him. For the first time since their encounter three years before Jeffrey was showing interest in another woman.

How gladly she would have welcomed the diversion during the last twelve months of her awakening to what love really meant! But, no; Jeffrey had been a devoted lover, apparently blind to her growing indifference toward him.

The fact that their betrothal was a family affair and as yet unannounced would have made it easier for her to have told him the truth and thus broken off the engagement. But she could not do so. She had stilled the words that had so often trembled on her lips, for only since the advent of Richard Hilton into her world had she known what love was—that sweet upland path that one knows instinctively leads to heights of bliss—heights whence it takes a lifetime to descend.

It was the old story of a pledged word and a love come too late. She had turned Hilton's eyes to Jeffrey, who was speaking again in a slow, hesitating way, very unlike his usual manner.

"Don't you remember that day in Rome when we were looking in the window of old Nicotri, the goldsmith, and we both saw the ring?"

"Yes," she said, a little breathlessly. "It was not often that I spoke of such matters. Their engagement had been singularly free from sentiment."

"And you admired its quiet setting, and so I bought it and we called it an engagement ring," he went on lightly. "It is needless to relate that the houses of the two families were engaged in a feud and that our boy and girl attachment settled into a Darby and Joan-ness."

"There was a tinge of bitterness in his voice that caused an up-lifting of her pretty brows."

"And?" she suggested haughtily.

"I have thought perhaps you might have tried of me and wanted your freedom, only—your conscience—you know you have a conscience, little cousin—"

"I am sorry, Jeffrey, that my conscience," as you call it, has been the means of binding you to an unwelcome contract. No; do not speak," she said sadly. "It is true that I would never have been the one to break the engagement because my word is my law, and—"

"Her voice broke suddenly."

"The second is the first," cried Jeffrey in consternation. "You know—Hilton—you see." He staggered confusedly as she started to her feet.

"Be still!" she said in a low, passionate voice. "Don't you know that you are too late now? Why didn't you jilt me before? She sank back behind the rocks and buried her face in her hands with a little sobbing cry."

Jeffrey reddened darkly at her words, and she saw the gleam of his bowiders and stood on the beach before her. "I am very sorry, Helen. I know you think I'm a cad, but I cannot help it. You may understand some day."

"Wait," she said scornfully, lifting her head. "You must know that I am not breaking my heart over your desertion. It is because I have just sacrificed a lifetime of happiness for such as you."

She drew the brilliant ring from her finger and held it toward him.

"You don't see that, Helen, just for remembrance?" he asked awkwardly.

"I cannot," she said coldly, and it dropped into his reluctant hand. Presently she found almost following clearly defined footprints in the damp sand. They skirted the beach and circled the lighthouse. When they ceased Jeffrey found himself face to face with Richard Hilton.

"Hello, Hilton!" he said gently, cradling the other's miserable hand. "Come down the beach! If you are I wish you'd just take this handkerchief to my cousin—Miss Vincent. She's sitting on the rocks beyond the point." He held out a morsel of cologne and lace.

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FISHER-BERESFORD ROW.

Quarrel in High Circles May Impair Efficiency of British Navy.

The unpleasantness alleged between Lord Charles Beresford as Commander-in-Chief of the Channel Fleet, and Sir John Fisher is attracting a great deal of attention at the present time in the Mother Country.

It is stated that in November last Sir Percy Scott, who commands the First Cruiser Squadron, made a signal which Lord Charles Beresford—

not without reason—described as "contemptuous in tone and insubordinate in character."

For this offence the Commander-in-Chief reprimanded Sir Percy Scott in the presence of a junior officer, and caused the signal to be expunged from the fleet list.

Since that time the personal relations between the two officers have become notorious, and it is common knowledge that Admiral Lord Charles Beresford and Admiral Sir Percy Scott are not on speaking terms, notwithstanding that they hold important commands in the fleet.

The quarrel, which carries the dispute into another and a higher quarter, is based on the report of the meeting between Sir John Fisher and Lord Charles Beresford at a recent dinner at the Admiralty, which has been witnessed by several officers in His Majesty's service, who put the quarrel in the construction possible at the moment.

These incidents are but the visible symptoms of a deep rift that has arisen between Lord Charles Beresford and some of his colleagues. The difficulty of Army and Navy manifest.

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MILK POWDER.

Great Trade Can Be Built Up For Product, It Is Believed.

The Creamery Journal of London predicts a bright future for the milk powder trade. It says: "Now that practical processes have been invented for the conversion of milk into powder the possibilities of the milk powder business demands the attention of all creamery proprietors and managers. The great difficulty in most manufacturing businesses is the proper utilization of by-products. Now, separated milk in creameries is practically a waste material. It fetches on the average a price of a penny per gallon. It can only be sold in the immediate neighborhood of the creameries, as cartage to a distance is not possible at such a price."

The process referred to gets rid of practically the whole of the water contained in the milk, and the residue of milk powder amounts to only about one-tenth of the weight of the milk. Even were it possible to send the separated milk economically to a distance the heavy cost of the packages required would be a very serious drag on the business. It is for this reason that the forwarding in any ordinary light metal package that can stand the strain of a railway journey.

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The Phonograph Imp Entertains Billeboy

"GRRR—GRR!" whirled the phonograph, as it first does when set a-running. But no one had started it. And, as phonographs usually don't start of their own accord, Billeboy jumped with astonishment.

"Billeboy! Billeboy! Come here, my Billeboy!" some one sang.

Then Billeboy whistled. It was so strange. He didn't know father possessed a record for such a song—and that twanging, sing-song tone certainly belonged to the phonograph. Billeboy drew nearer to investigate. He rubbed his eyes, blinked and looked hard. It couldn't be—yes, it surely was—the funniest little manikin imaginable! He must have been an elf lost from a fairy tale, this tiny fellow, who, with the skill of a fly promenade on the ceiling, careless-



"THE FUNNIEST MANIKIN"

ly held footing inside the phonograph horn.

"Don't stare so, Billeboy; it's impolite," said the manikin, in a thin, rasping voice. "You ought to say something especially nice, inasmuch as you've been forever my acquaintance for the last six months."

"Pardon your acquaintance!" gasped Billeboy.

"Well, haven't you been squinting into the horn whenever you've had the chance, and haven't you been longing to find out where the sound comes from?" sharply retorted the elf. "Of course you have. And since you've gazed so much at the outside of my home, I've decided to let you see the inside. As for the sound, if you weren't so ignorant you'd know it is I, the Imp of the Phonograph, who make it. But come, there's lots to see and not a deal of time in which to see it."

Thereupon the Imp turned, as though expecting Billeboy to follow. "What's the matter now?" he demanded, when he saw the boy made no movement.

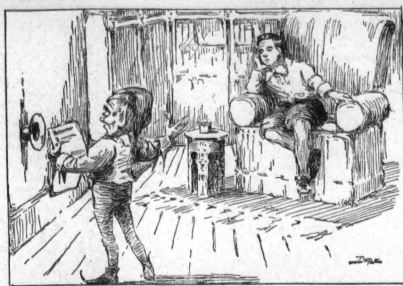
"How can I crawl into such a little place?" asked the bewildered Billeboy.

The Imp breathed hard and seemed about to utter some very wicked words.

"Well, of all the helpless creatures!" he finally managed to sputter. "If you feel as small as you really ought to feel, you won't have the least difficulty in getting into my home. See here, don't you feel very small and meek?"

Billeboy, much embarrassed, shifted his weight from one foot to the other. "Yes, I'm so," he muttered. And no sooner was this spoken than he shrank and shrank until he was even tinier than the elf.

Fortunately, there was a chair beside the table upon which the phonograph rested. Up this Billeboy swarmed, until he was on a level



"SANG MUSICALLY INTO THE HORN"

with the horn. The Imp grasped his arm and pulled him along the slippery surface, while Billeboy felt as though he were a fly being dragged into a spider's den.

At every step the way grew more narrow, until the Imp pushed open a little round door at the end of the passage, and the two stumbled into a cozy little room.

Billeboy looked around him in amazement. The apartment seemed to be fitted up as a library. Bookshelves ran all about the room, but, as the Imp shortly explained, the library, for the most part, consisted of volumes of music.

"Would you mind telling me what that is for?" asked the lad, pointing to a brass tube which extended from the wall, and at the end of which was a horn with a large, flat bell.

"Why, you see," exclaimed the Imp,

"as soon as any one places a record on the phonograph, I receive the record through this horn. Then I take down from the shelf the music book in which the song is written and sing into the horn. This is what you people hear."

"My, you must know a lot about music!" gasped Billeboy.

The Imp smiled modestly as he replied:

"That's my business, and I have to, you know. Yes, I can make a noise like a whole orchestra, or I can sing duets and quartets with myself quite easily. I know all the tunes so well that I really don't have much need of music scores, but I always take down the books, anyway, in case my memory should happen to fail me."

At this moment an ominous buzzing came from the horn. Running quickly to it, the Imp listened a moment.

Then he hastily grabbed a book from the shelf and soon was singing, very musically, a selection from "The Trovatore."

"Great! Great!" cried Billeboy, enthusiastically, when the Imp had finished.

"Hush! You mustn't talk so loud, or they'll hear you outside," cautioned the Imp. "Though I know some people would probably think it part of the music," he added, with a sarcastic smile.

"But say, Billeboy, I don't want to send you away. Don't you think, however, that you'd better get back before your folks discover your absence. You know, they'll think it strange if you're not around when the phonograph begins to play. You always are."

The lad agreed with his friend, and soon they were crawling toward the mouth of the great horn. Billeboy said good-bye with much regret, and promised to visit the Imp often. Then he slid down the back of the chair to the carpet. An instant—and he was the size of the former Billeboy.

Thereafter, when Billeboy heard the sounds coming from the phonograph his eyes no longer grew big with wonder. Instead, he smiled a knowing smile that greatly puzzled every one. But THEY knew nothing about the Imp of the Phonograph.

A Simple Microscope

If you have need of the enlargement of writing which is small and illegible, or if you desire to increase the size of any other object why not make your own microscope? Cut out a piece of thin cardboard, one-eighth of an inch thick, and make a pinhole in the center of the sheet. Looking through this pinhole, you will be surprised to learn what a good microscope you have manufactured.

PLAYFELLOWS



ALTHOUGH the picture shows but two of the "playfellows" in reality there were three of them. But the third was only a boy, and therefore not nearly so interesting as the two little St. Bernard puppies. The doggies, by the way, are no longer puppies. Oh, dear, no! They've grown ten times as big by now. And the boy is almost a man.

Many a frolic had the three comrades. It was in the winter, however, that the doggie playfellows enjoyed themselves best of all, for then they could roll in the snow, burying themselves until only the tips of their muzzles could be seen, so you may know what a delightful time they had, when, some years after they were born, they accompanied their boy playfellow across the sea to Switzerland, up among the snow and ice and glaciers.

While the three were in Switzerland they became separated for almost the first time in their lives. Indeed, were it not for the doggie, perhaps the third playfellow would have been lost not only to the trio, but to every one else. It happened one afternoon when the boy stole away with

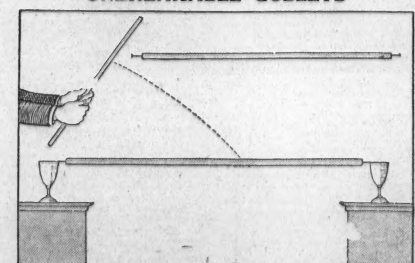
only his chums. Up the snowy mountain path he climbed, although such ways were forbidden except when under the guidance of grown-ups. He was, however, didn't care to have grown-ups with him that afternoon; he relied only his claims to share the fun.

But the boy didn't have half the fun he expected. While recklessly following the path he slipped, and in an instant he was careening down a cliff between walls of ice. Luckily, a projection of ice arrested his night. Then the climb, while his chums laughed in dismay from the path above. Then one of the wise doggies galloped toward the hotel in search of help.

Now, then, the boy was rescued, and then had not the other doggie barked his encouragement continually to the boy, who, chilled through and through, found the utmost difficulty in remaining upon his dangerous perch.

So the three playfellows were united. And the boy was taught a lesson. Since then he has taken good care not to become lost to his playfellows. Nor, if he has his way, will the doggies ever be lost to him.

UNBREAKABLE GOBELTS



STICK a needle into each end of a light wooden rod, and place the rod in the manner illustrated by the drawing.

Strike the rod sharply. It will break

without causing the goblets to change their position.

For practice it would be well, first, to try a very light piece of wood—a matchstick, for example.

Daddy Stork's Mistake

FOR a long time Clarissa had prayed for a sister, and she could love and fondle. And now the mean old stork had brought her a baby brother that fretted and squaled and looked ever so crossly at her.

"Daddy Stork must have made a mistake. I'm sure he must; and I do wish he'd take this baby back," said Clarissa. Impatiently, as she frowned upon her baby brother.

Clarissa didn't know just how it came about, but suddenly she found herself a radiant angel, clad in gleaming robes of white and wearing a brilliant star above her brow. And she sat, though still smiling sweetly, said quite reprovingly to the little girl:

"There was no mistake. The queen of



"AN ANGEL BESIDE HER"

heaven heard your prayer, and immediately she had a little cherub come from playing with the stars, and run across to the chamber of souls with a message. Now, this message directed that a delightful little girl baby be selected from among the souls, and be given to the stork messenger. But when we happened to tell the queen that a naughty boy baby was disturbing the little souls she commanded the baby sent to you, in order that it might teach you patience and kindness."

"I have just been too ugly for anything," murmured Clarissa through her tears, "and won't you please tell the queen that I'll be so kind and patient as ever I can. And I really do feel that I love baby brother now."

Clarissa quickly proved that. After all, Daddy Stork had made no mistake.

To Stimulate Eyelashes

WHAT woman does not wish for long, curling eyelashes? They are one of the details that make a homely woman attractive, and it does seem as though they could be cultivated.

Vaseline, pure white vaseline, rubbed on with a small brush every night, is a splendid tonic for these much-desired beauties. Keep the eye lightly closed, that the grease may reach the roots of stubborn lashes, although if the vaseline is fresh and of good quality it cannot hurt the eye. In fact, one woman who has found the remedy successful says that on the contrary, the eye becomes brilliant after treatment, while the longer lashes make a marked improvement in the appearance.

"Old Soc" of the Tower

"WHY do we call him 'Old Soc'?" remarked the warden of the Tower of London. "Well, 'Soc' is short for 'Socrates,' and the old duffer is so wise that nothing else seems to fit."

"Not but what he hasn't had plenty of time to learn. He was the pet at the Tower long before I was appointed warden, and he must be at least 80 years old. They live to be 100, you know."

The warden looked affectionately at the splendid raven, who measured fully two feet. His once glossy, bluish-black plumage was somewhat dulled now, but

ever knew how it happened—the old man had an accident with his gun. Discharged the barrel, and the old duffer was wise enough to see that help was nearer. After covering about his master for a minute, he flew rapidly toward the nearest house. All the folk round there knew the ex-warden. So too, naturally were acquainted with the bird, who was never separated from the man. Feeling sure something was wrong, they permitted themselves to be guided by the bird to where the ex-warden lay wounded.



"OLD SOC" FED BY THE WARDEN

he was a spry old bird for one 80 years old.

Old Soc creaked his gratitude for the tidbit which the warden passed to him and the man, gazing reflectively at the bird, continued:

"The old fellow could tell many an interesting story, if he chose. And he well deserves his reputation for intelligence."

"When the warden before me was retired because of age, he moved out to a little place in the country. Old Soc had become, as attached to him that he went along with his master. Well it was for the man, too."

"He liked to be busy, the ex-warden said. And he pottered round as much as he was able to, even going on little tramps with his gun, always taking the raven along with him, of course."

Upon one of these occasions—no one

"The old man grew somewhat better, but he never fully recovered. When he died, they say the raven almost died, too. He grieved and wailed, and wouldn't eat anything. Then he seemed to remember his old home at the Tower. To our surprise, he dropped in upon us one day, just as though he had never left, and he's been here ever since. Funny thing about it is that he seems to like only people—not fond of birds at all. Must have been badly treated by his own folk many years ago. 'Pshaw, and hasn't forgotten it.'"

Old Soc, who had been gravely listening, with his head turned slightly to one side, now gave a fluttering flap to capture the last morsel of food from the warden's hand. Then he nodded his head, though bowing, and strutted with great dignity toward the building.

"Knowing old bird!" commented the warden, and we agreed with him.

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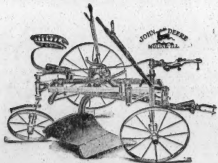
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Miss Louise Colling has gone into the photographing business. We wish her every success.

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A party of five persons returned from a fishing party up the Red Deer River among the Foot Hills. They report good fishing. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bliss, Miss Donna Bliss, and Messrs Louis Bliss and Dan Shaffer.

A Surprise

Mrs. Bliss was surprised by her Sunday School class last Saturday Sept. 20th in which everyone enjoyed themselves. Mrs. Bliss and her class had their picture taken by the well known photographer Mr. Louis Bliss. Miss Alice McFadyen read the following address: Mrs. Bliss and Miss Katie Garwood presented her with a fruit bowl and dishes given by the class.

Dear Mrs. Bliss
We children take this opportunity of showing our love and appreciation of your good work among us. Please accept this as a token of our love and good wishes. Signed by the class.

Alice McFadyen
Ada Thompson
Bessie Oldaker
Ada High
Doris Landymore
Katie Garwood
Gladys Bliss
Edna Colling

SAMPSONTON

Mrs. Jack Adams, of Rocky Conlee was visiting Mrs. Fred Ingman during the week.

Mr. Ralph Whelan has purchased a quarter section of land 7 miles west of Crossfield and intends to start up farming right away.

Positively the last of those photographs to be sold at the store. Sealed tenders for same accepted until the first ultimo. Post early to avoid disappointment.

Mr. Wilson, a brother of "Buds" is staying with Jim Banta this week. He hails from Endicott, Wash.

Arthur Morin's oats are turning 50 bushels to the acre and as they were raised from Government grain will make fine seed.

The wandering thresherman is reported to have been seen across the Beaverdam this week. Query? why bother with an automobile when you can tour the country in a traction engine.

On Monday evening whilst a rider was dismounted opening a gate, his horse pulled out and left him. Two ladies who witnessed the incident report that on looking around and realising his position, the rider appeared to be seized with some powerful emotion, and falling into a "bide fit" commenced speaking in an unknown tongue!

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There are three varieties of ebony well known in commerce. The ebony from the Gaboon coast of Africa is the darkest. The Madagascar ebony is the second. The Massasoit ebony furnishes the lightest grades. It is sold by weight.

Imitations of ebony can always be distinguished from the lighter weight, and the cheaper imitations can be detected by merely scratching the surface.

SPECTRAL WARNINGS.

The Bloody Mark That Appeared on Carcan's Finger.

Who shall say that spectral warnings are entirely chimerical? History has furnished instances to the contrary. Thus the once well known tragedian John Palmer died on the stage at Liverpool. At the same hour and minute a shopman in London, sleeping under a counter, saw distinctly his shade glide through the shop, open the door and pop into the street. This an hour or two later he mentioned very coolly, as if Mr. Palmer himself had been there.

Cardan, the noted Italian philosopher, saw on the ring finger of his right hand the mark of a bloody sword and heard at the same time a voice which bade him go to Milan. The redness progressively increased until midnight. The mark then faded gradually and disappeared. At that midnight his son was beheaded at Milan.

The father of Dr. Blomley was captain in an army serving in America. We are told by Dr. Rudge that six officers of the same rank from his position were visited after dinner by this modern Banquo, who sat down in a vacant chair. One said to him, "Blomley, are you mad?" He rose in silence and slowly glided out at the door. He was slain on that day and hour.—St. James' Gazette.

The Weeding of the Woodcock.

"The weeding of the woodcock is one of those sights to witness which a lover of nature in all its moods will make a journey of miles. The scene is conducted twilight, and the setting is of willow or other bushes whose branches are just beginning to show the tender green of early spring. Suddenly from the deep ground a bird form shoots upward like some swamp spirit until it is outlined against the gray of the evening sky. Then it circles above the branches, and the song of the woodcock begins. Hidden in the darkness of the thick lower growth is the object to which this low song is directed. The bird above circles perhaps a score of times, then drops back to the damp, thick carpet, making a sound which can be likened only to the dripping of water into a wooden pool. Again the bird soars and circles, singing still the hoarse note. This is repeated time after time until the last gleam of light has faded and night's darkness comes down.

The Life Saving Service.

The first stations of a life saving service in this country were established by the Massachusetts Humane society at Lovell Island and O'Connell. All efforts for saving life and property in cases of shipwreck were made by this society till 1857, when the president of the United States was authorized to employ ships to cruise along the shores and render assistance to distressed navigators. In 1848 Congress passed a law creating a few life saving stations between Sandy Hook and Little Egg harbor, New Jersey. From this has grown the splendid system which now takes in all the coasts of the country.

A Watch Tip.

"So you lost your watch in the crowd, eh?" Leona, the detective, sneered. "Well, I'm ashamed of you." "You ought to know after your long friendship with me that there's only one safe way for a man to carry a costly watch—in the right hand vest pocket, with the chain running into the right hand left pocket."

"The thief always snatches at the left pocket, and of course by my system he gets only a key or a cheap compass."

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"I remember once," says Prof. Grange, "hearing two very ordinary men, a bricklayer and a plumber, discuss love in a smoking car."
"I hold," said the bricklayer, "that if you are terribly in love the way to cure yourself is to run away."
"The plumber shook his head and sneered."
"That will cure you," he said, "I've tried you run away with the girl."—The Tattler.

The cheanness of Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator puts it within reach of all, and it can be got at any drugists.

He—Have you quite made up your quarrel with your husband?
She—Yes; everything except the tough steak I gave him three weeks ago—he don't pardon that—Flegende Blasetter.

"Don't you realize that nobody takes you seriously as a candidate for the office of Sheriff?"
"Sure I realize it," answered Farmer Cornucopius. "That's the reason I'm going to see it through. I'm beginning to think that a man nowadays can't get too serious as a candidate for office until he's defeated a lot of times."—Washington Star.

An Oil That is Prized Everywhere.
—Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil was put upon the market without any flourish over thirty years ago. It was put out to meet the wants of a small section, but as soon as its merits became known it had a whole continent for a field, and it is now known and prized throughout this hemisphere. There is nothing equal to it.

An old farmer near Rolla undertook to hold a playful young bull by the tail. His widow says Joseph was never known to stick to anything more than ten minutes.—Lewis Clark Journal.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Marion—You're not leaving so early simply because I happened to mention that it was leap year, are you?
Austin (nervously)—Oh! my, no! I heard the fire engines go by a while ago and I want to see where the fire is.—Punch.

No dead flies lying about when Wilson's Fly Pads are used as directed.

Mr. Microbe.
When Mr. Microbe comes along
He doesn't bring a buzz;
He doesn't even sing a song.
As if there were no hands or lips
In silence most profound
And rests a bit before he skips
Inquisitively around.
But, ah, dear child, beware of him,
For if your hands are soiled
And if your clothes are not brushed
And if your mill's not belted
He'll bite you with whole roars of teeth.
He always keeps them sharp—
And then you'll wear a golden wreath
And strut a golden hare.
—New York American.

Dangerous Youngster.
"You'd better be kind of careful how you talk to me," said Tommy, doubling his small fists and glaring at the other boy. "I've got the artistic temperament, and I've got it bad!"—Chicago Tribune.

At the Seaside.
"Ooh, George, can't you just smell the salt water?"
"More than that, Marie—I can taste it in the ice cream!"

"Want to take the role of Romeo, eh?" said the big manager. "Been on the boards long?"
"Never was on them in my life, boss," replied the applicant.
"Well, why do you think you could take the role of Romeo?"
"Well, I'll tell you, boss. I used to be a lineman and I can climb up the balcony in a jiffy."—Chicago News.

One packet of Wilson Fly Pads has actually killed a bushel of flies.

"So your yacht was wrecked? Strike a bar?"
"No. The skipper had struck a bar before we started."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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"But what's the meaning of all this cheering and canoodling?"
"We are celebrating our victory."—Washington Star.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.
"I suppose, Bridget," said Miss Woodby to the new maid, "you think it strange that one who plays the piano so perfectly as I do should practice so much?"
"Yes, mum," replied Bridget; "I've got to be up in the night."—Philadelphia Press.

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TWO VERSIONS.

Story of the Climb as Told by the Tourist and the Guide.

"He was touring the Beresford Oberland. At the Bear hotel in Grindwede a mountaineer sat in the hall, a glass of beer before him and his feet, in their bootleather mountain boots, extended toward the fire. The mountaineer had just made an ascent of the Tiger, and he talked like this about it."
"Well, well, well, a climb indeed—four hours of incessant step cutting with an ax on an ice slope as smooth as glass and as steep as a wall. Look at this chunk of edelweiss. I spied it on the edge of a dreadful precipice. My guide refused to let me pick it; said it was mad. For his part, he would not risk his life so foolishly. But at last, with eloquence and an offer of 300 francs, I persuaded him to come along. The advance was awful. One misstep meant death. But I secured the flower, when suddenly the guide's foot slipped, he fell and began to roll toward the edge. But I thrust my ax firmly into the ice and, bracing myself, seized the rope that bound us together, and the mine was saved!"
"And at the same time in the hotel kitchen the guide was giving another version of the ascent in words like these:

"Well, well, what a customer! Another like that chap and I give up the business. From the start he was faint and dizzy. In fact, wherever any real climbing began we had to carry him like a sack of meal. And meant! He used up a single penny extra for all our extra trouble. Last of all, he begged for the sprig of edelweiss I wore in my hat, and I was fool enough to let him have it!"

FISHES' FACES.

The Fascination They Have For One Lover of Nature.

Did you ever stop to examine the expression on the face of a fish? I do not mean of some notoriously grotesque fish, but of just any plain sea-faring fish. I confess that the fascination for me is the same whether I stand in front of some great collection of little monstrosities like that in the Naples aquarium or whether I sit by my dining room window and contemplate the goldfish in my little boy's glass bowl. People watch the men-fishes at the zoo and remark how human they are, how shy and crafty the old ones, how cute and playful the young ones. But for steady company give me the fish. How restless they are with their mouths as regular as if they were governed by a balance wheel. How quiet, too, for not one word of murmured protest or of chattering is heard as they do their infatigable work. How philosophical as they chat in the sun the liveliest day or seek the occasional shade of the modest murlet, how grave which forms the conventional garnishing of their watery abode. How easily gratified are their simple tastes, how surely with their good manners, their quiet deportment and their stoical bearing goldfish are the ideal companions of the mature man. How cats and dogs and kittens may annoy the children by their tricks and antics, but only the grown man can appreciate the solid qualities of the fish character as written upon his features.

How Music Affects Animals.
The love of snakes for music is traditional. Though their sense of hearing is in general not acute, the Eastern snake charmer plays a monotonous tune on an instrument resembling a small clarinet, whereupon the serpent emerges from the basket in which it is kept and erects its body as far as it can from the ground, often swaying to and fro in measure with the music. When in this condition it is not dangerous, and can be handled without risk; it is only when the music ceases that it is hazardous to approach it. For that reason the charmers generally remove the poison fangs before exhibiting their perilous pets.

Squirrels are particularly fond of music, and prefer soft, sustained tones to sounds that are at all loud or harsh. And spiders are often drawn from their webs by music. Gretry has left a record of the spider that always appeared on his harpsichord when he played.

Even the timid mouse forgets fear in its love for music. It will venture boldly into a well-lighted room under its influence. It often seems to be spry and fleet. Even a high, clear, motionless or moves only with diffidence. Singing mice, too, are not unknown. They chirp in a high, clear tone not unlike that of a canary, though this is a rare accomplishment.

Striking Contradictions.

A great contrast will often be found to exist between authors and their works, melancholy writers being the most jovial in society usually and the most lugubrious mortals in private.
"The Comforts of Human Life," by R. Heron, was written in prison under the most distressing circumstances.
"The Miseries of Human Life," by Meredith, was, on the contrary, composed in a drawing room where the author was surrounded by the best of everything and had the author of the "Anatomy of Melancholy," was extremely facetious in conversation.

Eye Strain Headaches

Manitoba lady tells how headaches disappeared with the use of Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Food.

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A young teacher prided herself on the close relations of trust and confidence existing between herself and the little ones in the primary department.

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The following letters are to hand from
J. E. Gustus, who has taken a great inter-
est in the proposed Hail Insurance
Tax. The first letter is from Mr.
Rutherford, the Prime Minister of the
Province of Alberta. The following
letter is from A. E. Partridge who is well
known through his connection with the
Grain Growers Association.

PREMIER'S OFFICE.

Alberta, 18th, Sept. 1908.

Dear Sir,—Your letter of the 14th inst.
addressed to the Minister of Agriculture
of the Province of Alberta, with reference
to hail insurance, has been handed to
me. The matter of the increased indemnity
for loss by hail will be taken into
consideration by the Government of this
province.

Yours faithfully,
A. C. Rutherford.

Stintala, Sask. Sept. 14th, 1908.
J. E. Gustus, Esq.,

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of
Sept. 8th, I beg to state the Grain Growers
Association carried a resolution after-
wards rescinded asking the Provincial
Government to levy a tax of one cent per
acre on all taxable land in the province
liable to taxation for the creation of a
hail insurance fund.

So far as I remember no details as to
manner of applying the funds to losses
were presented or included in the resolu-
tion. The experience of the Provincial
Government during the few years in
which Government insurance has been
in operation is that 15 cents per acre
does not suffice to meet the losses, though
the government system has been economi-
cally administered I believe. I under-
stand that mutual companies have changed
a considerably higher premium. In
Manitoba, for example, you will see that
our new Hail Insurance Act (see en-
closures) gives an option of insuring for
\$7, \$4 or \$5.

I may say that the law is arbitrary in
that it does not permit crop to be in-
sured for much larger amounts. There
does not reside the same safeguard
against excessive insurances that loss by
fire requires as no man can procure the
loss of his crop by hail.

There is this weakness about the system
of voluntary hail insurance even under
governmental auspices, only the prop-
erties most liable to be hailed are most
commonly insured. There is no doubt
there are hail belts, that is to say, there
are the parts which summer farmers
most frequently follow and these are the
stripes of country most frequently
afflicted with hail storms.

So long as we recognize private owner-
ship in land, to be consistent we must
insure a higher premium on land
where the risk of hail is greater. If a
property is hailed once the premium
should be increased and the higher
rate continued for a number of years
when it no further loss is sustained the
premium should be reduced to the
original amount. On the contrary should
a further visitation occur within so many
years the premium should be further in-
creased. This method would permit of
a smaller rate being charged on all lands
except those peculiarly liable to loss and
this would make the insurance of land not
liable to loss more frequent under a vol-
untary system, still further reducing the
cost by spreading the risk. Such a dis-
tinction would moreover enable the
government to inaugurate a system of
double risks in the case of land that had
suffered frequent loss without imposing the
owners of less exposed land, thus re-
moving the chief objection to the
government monopoly. Suppose the
rate on a certain section to be fixed at
the 40 acres are at a \$5.00 insurance the
government would assume a double risk
for 20c paying \$6.00 per acre in case of
complete loss. The less exposed land
could also carry double insurance but at
a lower rate and the more exposed at a
still higher rate.

I urged the assessment of one cent an
acre not to replace this voluntary insur-
ance but to supplement it by the pay-
ment of say \$3 per acre for total loss to
every person suffering total loss whether
he had taken out further insurance with
the government or not. Any of the fund
not paid out in this way would be kept
down the cost of the voluntary insurance.
The absentee landholder i.e. the speculator

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holding wild lands, would be made to
contribute to the protection of the settler
whose work and presence was enhancing
the value of the speculators' land.

Were my suggestions adopted a man
in case of complete loss could, were he
willing to pay the double premium for
the voluntary part, receive protection up
to \$4 per acre or by making a \$4 unit
instead of a \$5 one, a protection of \$12
which would be ample.

Until insurance became general over a
large district and has been carried on
for a number of years it is impossible to fix
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